

Dr. Abdul Kalam to analyse the causes of these accidents and to bring out remedial measures to avoid their recurrence, is yet to submit its report.

Educationally Backward States

1943. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide hundred per cent grant to educationally backward States;

(b) if so, whether J and K State is also included in this scheme; and

(c) if so, the target fixed for removal of illiteracy in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Grants are released by Central Government to all the States including educationally backward States under various Centrally Sponsored Scheme and Central Schemes on the basis of sharing pattern which varies from scheme to scheme. Programme like District Primary Education Programme, Non-formal Education, Total Literacy Campaigns in Elementary Education and Adult Education sectors have a focus on educationally backward States.

(c) The Government propose to achieve total literacy in the country by the year 2005.

[Translation]

Tourism Circuits in Madhya Pradesh

1944. SHRI BUDHSEN PATEL : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the tourism circuits identified for Madhya Pradesh by the Union Government;

(b) the funds allocated for the development of tourism circuits during 1997-98 and whether any more tourism circuit is proposed to be made;

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated for this purpose; and

(d) whether the proposal to extend the Indore-Onkareshwar-Maheshwar-Mandu-Ujjain circuit upto Ratlam-Mandsaur is under consideration?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) The following two travel circuits in Madhya Pradesh have been identified for intensive development :

(1) Gwalior-Shivpuri-Orchha-Khajuraho.

(2) Bhopal-Sanchi-Indore-Ujjain-Maheshwar-Onkareshwar-Mandu.

(b) to (d) In consultation with the State Government, the following projects in the above circuits have been

prioritised for central financial assistance of Rs. 153.00 lakhs during 1997-98 :

(i) SEL show at Orchha.

(ii) Water sports facilities at Khajuraho and Orchha.

(iii) Tourist reception centre at Sanchi.

(iv) Audio Guides for Sanchi/Mandu.

(v) Mandu and Orchha festivals.

The identification and development of new centres and circuits is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. There is no proposal at present under the consideration of Central Government to extend the existing circuits.

[English]

Irrigation System

1945. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether World Bank has approved 325 million dollar aid to the Union Agriculture Ministry for irrigation projects to boost Andhra Pradesh agriculture sector and revamp part of its irrigation system;

(b) if so, the projects for which this aid has been provided by the World Bank for development in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the total amount of aid provided to the State for this purpose;

(d) the projects which are likely to be undertaken in Andhra Pradesh from this loan; and

(e) the projects proposed to be undertaken in Nizamabad district of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) The World Bank has agreed to provide a assistance of US \$ 325 Million for Third Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project for completion of spill-over activities of Andhra Pradesh II Irrigation Project comprising Srisailem Right Branch Canal, and Sriramasagar sub-projects, agricultural support services, resettlement and rehabilitation, environmental management programme and Dam Safety Assurance Works.

(e) Sriramasagar sub-Project Command covers part of the Nizamabad District.

Grant to Tripura University

1946. SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Hon'ble Prime Minister, during his last visit to Tripura assured a substantial amount of grant to Tripura University for its development;

- (b) if so, the steps taken to fulfil his assurance;
- (c) whether Tripura Government has submitted any project for the development of Tripura University; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (d) Tripura University has been set up by an Act of the Legislature of Tripura and it is, therefore, primarily the responsibility of the State Government to provide adequate Plan and Non-Plan grants for the University. UGC, however, provides development grants, in accordance with the prescribed norms and pattern of assistance, to the eligible State Universities under various schemes programmes. The proposal submitted by Tripura University for allocation of requisite funds has been forwarded to UGC for appropriate consideration in the light of guidelines framed for the purpose for the 9th Plan period.

Air Services to Vizag

1947. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether consequent upon the industrialisation of Visakhapatnam, there would be more air and air cargo services to Vizag apart from night landing facilities in the local airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) Operation of air services, either passenger or cargo, is decided by the airlines, keeping in view the traffic potential/economic viability. Vishakapatnam airport belongs to the Ministry of Defence and Airports Authority has no plans to provide night landing facilities at this airport.

Failure of Trishul

1948. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian missile development programme suffered a setback with the failure of Trishul surface to air missile;

(b) if so, the reasons for its failure;

(c) the total amount spent so far on this project;

(d) whether Russian made Tar Bak S-300 missile are cheaper than the amount spent so far on this project;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government are considering a second thought on the project; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Trishul is a command guided surface to air missile, with quick reaction and electroic counter measure capabilities, with state-of-the-art technology. It has number of subsystems and ground complex. These have been realised successfully. So far, 33 flight tests have been carried out with important results. Integrated flight system trials have commenced and will be continued till the system is offered for user trials. The missile system will be ready for production in 1998.

(c) The total amount spent on Trishul development so far is Rs. 104 crore.

(d) and (e) S-300, Tor and Trishul are different class of missiles. S-300 is 150 km range theatre defence missile, Tor is a vertical launched short range (12 km) theatre defence missile, whereas Trishul is a quick reaction short range (9 km) missile to be used against aircrafts. Comparison of these three systems is not correct.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Harapan Culture at Dholavira

1949. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI :

SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Archeological Survey of India has done a commendable work in finding and developing the Harapan culture at Dholavira in Kutch in Gujarat;

(b) whether his Ministry has taken up the site on its tourism map of the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a great need for creating infrastructure for tourism facilities there; and

(d) if so, the details of the Government's plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (d) The Department of Tourism has prioritised a project to provide Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 28 lakhs during 1997-98 for the creation of tourist facilities at Dholavira.

Criteria for Recruitment

1950. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether all the IITs are following uniform criteria for recruitment; and